

SIX LIVES ENDED BY A FIEND'S ACT.

Work of a Michigan Attorney, Who Has Been Prominent in the Church.

Waylays and Shoots His Employer, Kills His Own Family and Then Himself.

Wife, Daughter and Two Little Ones Ruthlessly Slain by the Husband and Father.

HE USES A RIFLE AND A KNIFE.

Belief That One Murder Only Was Premeditated, and for a Fancied Wrong—Killing of His Family an Afterthought.

Pontwater, Mich., April 10.—S. B. Minchell, a lay member of the Episcopal Church, and an attorney and collector of debts, last night perpetrated the most shocking sexuplex crime ever known in Western Michigan. As a result of his ghastly work six persons are dead.

Minchell's first victim was William B. O. Sands, a prominent lumberman. As Sands was going from the office of the Sands & Maxwell Lumber Company, of which he is president, at 9:30 last night, he met Minchell, who carried a Winchester rifle, and demanded that Sands accompany him.

Sands attempted to disarm him, when Minchell fired, the bullet striking Sands in the upper part of his right arm and shattering it badly. Sands then ran toward his home, but was unable to get the door open. Minchell, who had followed his victim, fired four more shots, three of which took effect.

By this time Sands had managed to unlock the door, and as he entered he fell insensible, and Minchell fled to his home.

The noise caused by Sands' fall aroused his family and help was summoned. A general alarm was raised by the use of the town's fire whistle.

A cartridge was found near where the shooting occurred, and it was identified by S. W. Fincher, a druggist, this morning, as belonging to a Winchester rifle which Minchell had borrowed from him yesterday for the purpose of shooting crows.

This turned suspicion toward Minchell as the attempted assassin of Sands, and the big crowd which had gathered went to his home.

A HOUSE OF CARNAGE.

The house was found lighted, but no response could be obtained to the repeated knockings upon the door it was forced open.

Mrs. Minchell's body was found lying against the door in the main room. Her throat had been cut from ear to ear.

The body of Ruth, a sixteen-year-old daughter, was found in a room near the corner of the same room. She was shot through the head. Her right arm and right leg were broken, but had evidently been extinguished by her own blood.

Mr. Minchell's body was found near his wife's, with his throat cut. In a bedroom were found the bodies of George, aged four, and a two-year-old baby boy. One shot from the Winchester had ended both their lives.

Minchell had always been considered an inoffensive man. He was forty-five years old, and was very fond of his family. Mr. Sands' injuries were so severe that an operation was deemed necessary, and his arm was amputated at the elbow. He rallied afterward, but later became unconscious, and died shortly after 7 o'clock this evening. Mr. Sands was Pontwater's leading citizen and was very wealthy. He was village president, a member of the G. A. R., and was sixty-five years old.

BUT ONE MURDER PREMEDITATED.

One of the letters which Minchell left was written to a friend in Chicago, asking him to care for his family in case they should survive him. In the letter he complained bitterly of the company's treatment of him in business matters. He wrote that he would demand satisfaction from Sands, and if he did not receive it he would take him along with him to mix with the elements.

From this letter it would appear that the murder of his family was an afterthought on the part of Minchell.

DENY THEIR CONFESSIONS.

The Children of Farmer Lamborn Now Disclaim Responsibility for His Death.

Topinka, Kan., April 10.—A fresh sensation in the murder case of J. T. Lamborn, the rich Fall Leaf farmer, has developed. Annie and Charles Lamborn have made sworn statements to their attorneys, denying the alleged confessions, in which they were made to admit that they planned the murder of their father and in which Thomas Davenport, the girl's lover, was charged with committing the crime.

It was alleged by Charles Schaffer, a Kansas city detective, that he had received a detailed confession from the two children of the murdered man. This document he refused to make public. All three had planned the crime, it was alleged, and after its execution Davenport was to marry the girl and to come in on a division of the father's property, valued at \$50,000. Now the children declare their signatures to the confession were forced from them and deny any connection with the crime or knowledge of its perpetrators.

There is a heavy reward for the conviction of those concerned in the murder, and hints of a plot to wrongfully convict the Lamborn children to gain it are made. Annie Lamborn, who made the most damaging confession of the two is described as a weak-minded girl, capable of being easily influenced. Both the Lamborn children and Davenport are still in jail.

H. H. HOLMES,

The blackest murderer of the century, confesses to 27 sordid, cold-blooded murders, in to-morrow's Sunday Journal, written by him for this paper exclusively.



The Right Rev. Stephen Vincent Ryan.

This distinguished prelate was Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Buffalo. He died yesterday as a result of a paralytic stroke, at the age of seventy-one, and will be buried Tuesday with canonical honors.

THREE WOMEN FIGHT.

An Argument Which Ends in Hair Pulling and the Calling in of the Police by Indignant Neighbors.

New Brunswick, N. J., April 10.—Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Brodyke and Mrs. Davison live in one house at the corner of Sandford and French streets. They don't agree.

There was an argument this afternoon. It was more heated than usual, and passers-by were startled by a cry of "Murder!"

Two men rushed into the house, and in one of the rooms on the second floor occupied by Mrs. Thompson they found three women fighting tooth and nail, and yelling as though they were being killed. The combatants pulled and tugged at each other's hair until there were handfuls of it about the room. The men started to interfere, but when the women began to go at them concluded to let them fight it out.

When the police arrived the women had become tired out. Each bore scratches and wounds about the face and arms, and their hair was in tangles. It was finally brought out that Mrs. Thompson had disfigured her apartments by writing mean things about Mrs. Brodyke on the walls. There were other specimens of handwriting on the wall that were not exactly Scriptural. Mrs. Brodyke accused Mrs. Davison of defacing the wall, and then the fighting began.

Mrs. Davison was intent on whipping Mrs. Brodyke, and Mrs. Thompson divided her wrath and blows between the other two. It was a three-cornered battle. Now the neighbors are going to take steps to compel Mrs. Thompson, who, they claim, is at the bottom of the trouble, to move from the neighborhood.

ETHICS OF CLUB LIFE.

Justice MacLean Decides that Members Can be Expelled for Speaking Disrespectfully of Officers.

New ethics for the government of clubs and other private organizations were promulgated by Justice MacLean in the Supreme Court yesterday, in denying the application of J. Carleton Ward for reinstatement as a member of the Uptown Association, which is presided over by John Sloane and has rooms in the Constable building.

In November last Mr. Ward offered for election to membership Henry Siegel, of Siegel, Cooper & Co., of Chicago. John I. D. Bristol and four others seconded the application. The Board of Directors took no action on Mr. Siegel's name.

Among the members of the Board of Directors are President Sloane, John W. Aiken, Isidor Straus, Charles B. Fogdolek and Isaac Stern, and Mr. Ward's irritation was directed particularly against them when he learned of the fashion with which his friend's name had been treated. Angered by this action, Mr. Ward issued a circular letter in which he expressed his opinion of the directors rather freely.

Thereupon the directors summoned him before the Board to show cause why he should not be expelled for having injured the club's interests by his conduct. He laughed at the directors, and so on January 23 they expelled him from the club. Mr. Ward asked Justice MacLean to issue a writ of mandamus directing the directors to reinstate him. Justice MacLean decided yesterday that no fault could be found with the conduct of the Board. He says in commenting upon Mr. Ward's action:

"It does not suffice to call these things warrantable electioneering expedients. For though it may be a fact that devious and adventurous methods are resorted to in political contention, it does not follow that such methods are tolerable in societies for mutual benefit and entertainment."

FINDS THE ROBBER IN PRISON.

Policeman Catches a Fellow Who Stole All the Money of a Kansas Man.

John McCarthy, who came to New York from Kansas to see the sights, was robbed of \$45 on Wednesday in a saloon at No. 48 Allen street. Officer Whitman learned the criminals were Samuel Weinstein, of No. 23 Chrystie street, and Charles Ruben, of Forsyth street. On the day of the robbery these men were arrested for fighting and were arraigned before Magistrate Coriell and fined. Ruben paid his fine and disappeared. Weinstein could not pay and was committed to the Workhouse. Officer Whitman learned that the fight occurred because Ruben refused to give Weinstein a share of the stolen money. Yesterday afternoon the officer went to Blackwell's island with McCarthy, who positively identified Weinstein. The officer paid the fine and then placed him under arrest on the charge of robbery.

WHEAT MAY YET GO TO A DOLLAR.

This Is the Opinion of P. D. Armour, and Other Good Judges Share It.

If That Figure Is Reached Bread Will Be Much Higher in Price.

Government's Report on the Growing Crop Gives Very Little Hope.

LOWEST PERCENTAGE IN MANY YEARS.

Only 77.1, and Already Farmers Are Depleting Their Reserves—Cheapness of Potatoes May Prove an Inestimable Boon—Europe's Attitude.

The Government crop report, issued late yesterday afternoon, was a knockout blow to the battle between Wall Street and the Chicago wheat pit's professional bears. Wall Street has been a tremendous buyer of wheat for nearly two weeks, and the Chicago crowd has been trying to shake the New York speculators out of their wheat holdings for two days. They broke wheat, which jumped over five cents in the first half of the week, nearly three cents since Wednesday afternoon.

P. D. Armour, John Dupes and one or two other big wheat men in Chicago stood with New York. The Chicago clique started a rumor late Thursday that the average condition of Winter wheat would show about 86 per cent in the Government report for April 1. New York had information that the percentage would be somewhere between 78 and 79 1/2 per cent, and quietly gobbled up wheat in Chicago during Thursday and yesterday. The Chicago crowd even began to take themselves seriously, and after the regular close of the market yesterday, continued to sell wheat down until one minute before the Government report was issued, at 4 o'clock.

THE GOVERNMENT REPORT. Within one minute after the receipt of the report showing that the condition was only 77.1-10 per cent, wheat jumped over one cent in Chicago on curb. This was considered a remarkable advance, as there is little trading usually on curb. There was great excitement at the Produce Exchange after 4 o'clock, when the news came out, and the price shot up over a cent a bushel.

The crop report as telegraphed from Washington is as follows: Average condition of Winter wheat, 77.1. Last year, 81.4. United States Department of Agriculture report on condition of Winter grain April 1, 1896: Consolidated reports from townships, county and State correspondents show a condition of Winter wheat in nine leading States as follows: Pennsylvania, 84; Ohio, 56; Michigan, 82; Indiana, 77; Kentucky, 79; Illinois, 81; Missouri, 75; Kansas, 85; California, 91. Average for entire country, 77.1. Last year, 81.4, and 86.7 in 1894. The condition of the wheat in New York, 91; Pennsylvania, 78; Wisconsin, 77. Average for entire country, 82.6.

Stephen Vincent Ryan was born at Allentown, Pa., January 1, 1825. During his childhood the family moved to Pottsville, Pa. He was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Kenrick, of St. Louis, in 1850. Later he was elected president of St. Vincent's College, at Cape Girardeau, and in 1857 was appointed visitor of the Lazarists of the United States. In 1868 he was consecrated Bishop of Buffalo. His silver jubilee in 1895 was a memorable event.

Mr. Armour, who is a large carrier of cash wheat, and who also controls several of the largest elevators in Chicago, insists upon his prediction that wheat will touch the dollar mark this year. Mr. C. A. Pillsbury, who controls the largest flour mills in the Northwest, is also quoted as predicting a material advance before the next harvest.

Holmes' Confession in Full. Such is H. H. Holmes, who has confessed his awful life story of murder after murder to the Journal. No more remarkable story has ever been told by Gaborian, Poe, Dickens or Hawthorne. This strange story of real life will be published in the Sunday Journal to-morrow.

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LOST IN SIGHT OF LAND.

Nine Persons Drowned Through the Capsizing of a Small Boat Near Virginia Beach.

Cape Henry, Va., April 10.—Captain John Faunce and his son Percy, of Washington, D. C., were drowned to-day with their crew of seven colored men.

Captain Faunce was renewing his sturgeon nets, which are located on the coast just below Virginia Beach, Va. The ocean swell has been very heavy for the past two days, due to easterly weather off shore, and this afternoon when Captain Faunce was making a trip off to the fishing grounds, which are about half a mile off shore, several unusually heavy breakers came suddenly upon the frail craft.

The first and second breakers were passed all right, but the next, which was unexpected and unusually heavy, struck the little craft and capsized it, drowning all hands.

Captain Faunce's son Frank saw his father and brother Percy clinging to the bottom of their boat, and ran to the Seacock life saving station for help, but before that crew could reach the unfortunate men, all had disappeared.

None of the bodies has been recovered.

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